

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI  
PARK COMMISSION  
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 4, 2021 REGULAR MEETING**

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**I. Call to Order**

Commission Streeter called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. at the Ypsilanti Township Civic Center.

**II. Roll Call**

**Commissioners Present:** Brad Hine, Tajalli Hodge, Jeff Neel, Darrell Kirby, David Streeter, Starr Smith, Brad O’Conner

**Commissioners Not Present:**

**Staff Present:** Mike Hoffmeister, Angela Verges

**III. Determination of Quorum**

Quorum present

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda made by O’Conner

Seconded by Kirby

Motion Carried Unanimously

**V. Approval of Minutes – September 13, 2021 Regular Meeting**

Motion to approve amended minutes made by Hodge

Seconded by Smith

Discussion: amended minutes to reflect Nichole Passmore’s title.

Motion Carried Unanimously

**VI. Citizens Participation**

None

**VII. Reports**

**A. Staff Reports**

Mike Hoffmeister:

- 1) Budget issues. Park maintenance: request submitted for one additional person. Currently have 4 workers to maintain 900 acres of park land. Recreation and Golf budgets to be discussed in November. Discussion about whether funding will be increased in the new budget but Mike indicated that new tax revenues are targeted for environmental projects and police. Plan to take some seasonal funding and apply to full time position, which should be easier to fill than seasonal positions.
- 2) Loonfeather update: 30 – 45 days from completion. Roofs and pavilions are completed. Raingarden being installed at Loonfeather.
- 3) New rec coordinator position being posted. Currently in first interviews with candidates, but no internal candidates so far.
- 4) AppleRidge update deferred to Commissioner Hodge.

Angela Verges:

- 1) Sat Oct 30 1 pm – 3 pm, “Trunk or Treat” at Community Center parking lot. Car trunks will be decorated in Halloween themes and goodie bags will be handed out to children who attend.

### **B. Commissioner Reports**

Commissioner Hodge provided an update on Sugarbrook Park: Oct. 2 event to plant 46 flats/1800 plants and 30 volunteers. Second session planned for Oct. 9 at 9:30; mulching this week and finish new area with additional plants. Waiting on benches for installation.

### **VIII. Unfinished Business**

**Dog Park:** Mike Hoffmeister: City of Ypsilanti has passed on joint park but Township will move forward anyway. Mike to reconnected with consultant, who will conduct a second survey. Idea: two small parks, one on south and a second on north as opposed to single large park. Northbay, Community Center, and a third location TBD are under consideration as additional locations.

### **IX. New Business**

David Streeter discussed Standard of Ethics Policy discussion. Only minor changes in terms of titles proposed. Board of Trustees version used as template. Section 2.3 c wording is unclear; David will take pass at revision and send to Board for comments, with plan to approve at November meeting.

### **X. Public Hearing**

None

### **XI. Announcements**

None

### **XII. Recommendations to the Township Board**

None

### **XIII. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Kirby

Seconded by Hines

Motion Carried Unanimously

Meeting Adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Jeff Neel, Secretary

Minutes approved by the Park Commission on November 1, 2021